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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
PORT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR YEAR ENDING  
31st DECEMBER 1954

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PORT MEDICAL OFFICER.



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P O R T   H E A L T H   A U T H O R I T Y .

Health Centre,  
Westham Road,  
WEYMOUTH.

February 1955

To the Chairman and Members of the Weymouth Port  
Health Authority.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Article 17(5) of the Sanitary Officers(Outside London) Regulations 1935 and 1951, I have to submit for your information and consideration my Annual Report for the year 1954.

Ministry of Health Circular 22/54 dated 18th October 1954, requires that this Report should be prepared on the lines indicated in Form Port 20 enclosed with Circular 33/52 of the 6th November 1952. This year, therefore, only an abbreviated report is called for.

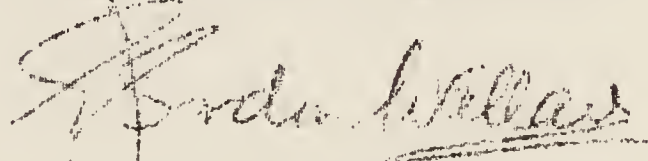
No outstanding event took place during the year.

It is again a pleasure to have this opportunity of thanking the members of the Authority for their kindness and consideration, the Clerk for his ready co-operation and Mr. E.V.Abbey, Port Health Inspector, for his willing assistance at all times.

I am also grateful to the Divisional Marine Manager, British Railways, Capt. T.A.Hollyoak, Harbourmaster, and the Officers of H.M.Customs for their continued help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant



(E.J.GORDON WALLACE)

Port Medical Officer.

SECTION 1 - STAFF 申

TABLE A

NO CHANGE.

SECTION 11 - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of Ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Med. Officer of Health.	By the Sanitary Inspector.	
Foreign Ports	594	347,246	3	509	Nil
Coastwise	301	120,482	3	84	Nil.
TOTAL	895	467,728	6	593	Nil

SECTION 111 - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	Number of Passengers INWARDS	66, 695	Day Trippers
	Number of Passengers OUTWARDS	74, 968	18, 315
Cargo Traffic	Principal IMPORTS: Fruit, Vegetables, Flowers, Meat, Shellfish.		
	Principal EXPORTS: General Merchandise; Stores. (and Oil.		
Principal Ports from which Ships arrive:		Antwerp, Bahrein, Bermuda, Copenhagen, Dublin, Horsens.	

SECTION 1V - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

N I L

SECTION V<sup>申</sup> - WATER SUPPLY.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION VI<sup>+</sup> - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

NO CHANGE.



SECTION VII - SMALLPOX.

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases from the District are sent:

Crabwood Smallpox Hospital, Nr. Winchester, Hants.

2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that Hospital:

Dorset County Ambulance Service from the Weymouth Ambulance Depot. Each Ambulance Driver/Attendant at this Depot is re-vaccinated every year. The vaccinal state of the Weymouth Corporation disinfectors staff is also maintained by annual re-vaccination.

3. Names of Smallpox Consultants available:

Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace - Weymouth.

Dr. P. Hughes - Weymouth.

Dr. C. Hollins - Dorchester.

4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Suspected material is sent to:

Dr. F.O. McCallum,

Virus Reference Laboratory,

Central Public Health Laboratory,

Colindale, London N.W.9. Tel. Colindale 0041.

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SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASE ON SHIPS.

N I L

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS.

N I L

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE.

N I L

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

1. The Port Health Inspector carries out a detailed inspection for rodents on all ships arriving from foreign ports.
2. Arrangements have been made for the bacteriological and pathological examination of rodents to be carried out at the County Laboratory, Dorchester. No such examinations were carried out in 1954.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

N I L

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

No Certificates were issued to ships from foreign ports. One (1) exemption certificate was issued to a coastal vessel.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices.

Nature and number of inspections.	Notices Served.		Result of Serving Notices.
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices.	
British 584	Nil	13	11 abated.
Foreign 9	Nil	3	3 abated.
TOTAL 593	Nil	16	14 abated.



SECTION XIV -- PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH) REGULATIONS 1934. and 1948.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION XV -- MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION XVI -- MISCELLANEOUS.

NO CHANGE.

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Weymouth.

February 1955.

To Dr. E.J.Gordon Wallace  
Port Medical Officer of Health.

Sir,

In accordance with the requirements of Article 27(8) of the Sanitary Officers'(Outside London) Regulations 1935, I herewith submit particulars of my work during the year 1954, as Port Health Inspector and Assistant Food Inspector to the Weymouth Port Health Authority.

Particulars of Ships arriving and Inspected in the Port  
during 1954

				Where Inspected	
				<u>Weymouth</u>	<u>Portland.</u>
British	...	...	...	520	63
Dutch	...	...	...	3	5
German	...	...	...	1	-
Liberian	...	...	...	-	1
Total .. ...				<u>524</u>	<u>69</u>

Number of Inspections made during the Year.

Total Number of Vessels inspected	...	...	593
Re-inspections after the giving of notices	...		16
Re-visits to vessels discharging food cargoes			63
Visits under Sect.19 Public Health(Ships)Reg's.			17
TOTAL			<u>689</u>

FOOD INSPECTION.

Five Hundred and Two Visits, and sixty-three re-visits were made to vessels discharging food cargoes during the year. Two packages of foodstuffs were condemned as being unfit for human consumption during the year.

<u>Foods</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Date Detained.</u>	<u>Action Taken.</u>
Sausage Meat.	224 lbs	8.3.54	Destroyed 8.3.54.
Tomatoes.	12 lbs	12.6.54	Destroyed 14.6.54

The total number of packages of food landed in the Port during 1954 was:

	<u>Packages.</u>	<u>Weight.</u> <u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>
Tomatoes.	5,021,985	31,210	-
Potatoes	56,873	1,342	-
Other produce	49,040	3,470	-
TOTALS ...	<u>5,127,898</u>	<u>36,022</u>	<u>-</u>

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman of the Port Health Authority and to yourself as Port Medical Officer for the support and consideration afforded me during the Year; also to the Officers of H.M. Customs Waterguard and Excise, the Naval Stores Officer and Staff, Shipping Agents and their staffs, and members of British Railways Executive and Pier Staff for the assistance which has been so willingly accorded to me.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD V. ABBEY.

Port Health Inspector.







